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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

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Serial No.: 09/469,190)

Group Art Unit: 2812

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending application Serial No. 09/364,174 which may be related to the present application.

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documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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